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Appl. No. : 10/675,660
Applicant : Timothy Simon et al.
Filed : September 30, 2003
Art Unit : 3738
Examiner : Hieu Phan

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AMENDMENT

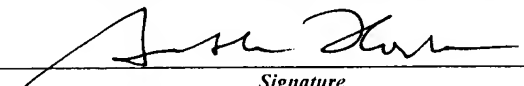
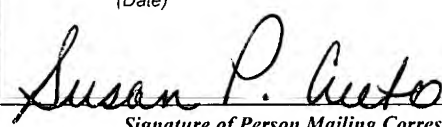
Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of March 11, 2005, the response for which is due June 11, 2005.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)				Docket No. CHOND.65023	
Applicant(s): Timothy SIMON, et al. MAY 18 2005					
Application No. 10/675,660	Filing Date 9/30/03	Examiner Hieu Phan	Customer No. 27629	Group Art Unit 3738	Confirmation No. 5821
Invention: CARTILAGE REPAIR PLUG					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	14 -	20 =	0	x \$25.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0	x \$100.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 21-0800 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
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